

## THOMAS TO PLAY POLITICS HERE

Author Will Give Voters a Witching Hour Saturday Evening.

HAS THREE ONE-NIGHT STANDS

Former Reporter Speech-making for Democratic Ticket.

Augustus Thomas, a successful playwright, will appear in three one-night stands "in Missouri" this week, in the interest of the democratic ticket. He will first appear in Kansas City and will come to Columbia Saturday evening.

From here Mr. Thomas will go to Springfield, where he will complete his "dates" in Missouri.

Mr. Thomas has risen rapidly. At one time he was an amateur actor. Now he is a playwright of acknowledged ability and an eloquent orator. He began as a reporter on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and illustrated his own "stories." At that time, Mr. Thomas became ambitious to become a dramatist, and presented several plays in St. Louis theaters, which were successes.

Mr. Thomas also traveled with his plays "Alabama" and "The Witching Hour."

Mr. Thomas is an ardent admirer of William Jennings Bryan.

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN BRYAN-COWHERD CLUB

The democratic students of the University of Missouri, at a meeting at the Courthouse last night, organized the Bryan-Cowherd Student Club.

The officers of the club are: W. W. ("Ozark") Wright, of Appleton City, Mo., president; H. G. Hunt, of Walnut Ridge, Ark., vice-president; Charles Arnold, of Columbia, secretary, and E. P. L'Heuallen, of Princeton, Mo., treasurer.

With one exception the officers of the club are all upper classmen in the law department. The exception is Charles Arnold, a special student in journalism and business manager of the Columbia Herald.

E. W. Stephens called the meeting to order and spoke on the issues of the day and the record of the republican party in Missouri. Speeches were made by several students.

## OSTRICH IN RAGE COMMITS SUICIDE

"Fleetwing" Beats Out Brains in Cage—Valued at \$5,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—"Fleetwing" one of the racing ostriches brought to the Queens-Nassau County Fair at Mineola, L. I., by William W. Ford, of Tampa, Fla., committed suicide yesterday, and another of the big birds filled the fair ground with excitement by running away and sealing the race-track fence in a half-mile dash.

When Ford was ready to begin the day's proceedings yesterday he ordered "Bill," one of the negro attendants, to remove "Fleetwing," the most valuable of the birds, from its crate. "Bill" demurred, for last Sunday while he was engaged in that same operation the ostrich got away and he had the hardest task of his life getting him back. Since then "Bill" has cherished a deep respect for that ostrich.

Finally the attendant started for the box to carry out the orders, but at sight of his face "Fleetwing" set up a shrill cry and snapped his legs against the sides of his cage. When the negro neared him the ostrich stretched his long neck and beat his head against the slats.

Ford and others sprang to the crate, but the bird's efforts to end his life did not cease. Ford summoned a physician, who attended the injured bird, but he died four hours later. "Fleetwing" was six years old and said by his owner to be worth \$5,000.

Revival Services Soon.

A series of revival meetings is to be held at the Central Christian Church, beginning Oct. 4. The meetings are to be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Harvey O. Breder, former pastor of the Central Christian Church of Des Moines, Ia. He will be assisted by Howard S. Saxton, soloist.

## FRESHMAN MISTAKES UNIVERSITY FOR A SHOEMAKER'S SHOP

Registrar Switzler, Recommended as a Cobbler, Fails to See the Point of the "Sophs'" Joke.

Sending a Freshman student through the University buildings with an old pair of shoes to be re-soled is the newest style in hazing adopted by the Sophomores of the University of Missouri.

A Freshman Engineering student yesterday took a pair of shoes to the Co-operative Store in the basement of Academic Hall and requested one of the clerks to re-sole them. The clerk said the man who did that sort of work was out, but would return in an hour. The Freshman came back in an hour. The supposed cobbler told him he was too busy just then to do the job, and referred him to Irvin Switzler, registrar of the University, solemnly assuring him that Mr. Switzler doubtless would be glad to get the work.

Mr. Switzler failed to see the joke. Now the victim is planning vengeance on next year's crop of Freshmen.

## TEACHERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ORGANIZE

Walter Hadaway Is Chosen President, Will Graves Manager.

At the meeting of the students in the Teachers College High School yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for athletics, the following officers were elected:

President, Walter Hadaway; temporary captain and manager, Will Graves; secretary, James Mina; treasurer, Prof. Hopkins; assistant treasurer, James Hanecek.

Dr. Meriam was made supervisor of the organization.

## THOUSANDS DROWNED IN FLOOD IN INDIA

Rivers Rise So Rapidly That Victims Have No Chance To Escape.

BOMBAY, Sept. 29.—Thousands have been drowned and hundreds of houses have been washed away in the worst flood in years in the Deccan region. The interior of the county is like a great lake.

The Musi and others rivers have risen seventy-five feet, so suddenly that the victims had no chance to escape. The region is densely populated.

## W. A. O'BANNON ON THE JOB

University Graduate Has Street Paving Approved.

Walter A. O'Bannon, a graduate in civil engineering of the University of Missouri in the class of 1908 and a member of the Acacia Club, has had his first job of street paving accepted by the city council.

Mr. O'Bannon is employed as construction engineer by a paving company of Columbia. His first piece of work was the paving with brick of East Broadway. The contract price was \$16,000.

## NOVEL OFFENDS COUNTESS

Former Miss Britton of St. Louis May Sue.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—Countess Spottiswood-Mackin, formerly Sally Britton, daughter of a former mayor of St. Louis, threatens a suit for criminal libel as a result of a recent novel written by Mrs. John Van Vorst, entitled "Second Quality."

The countess considers that she is held up to ridicule by a character in the story.

## Appointments by Governor.

JEFFERSON CITY, Sept. 29.—Gov. Folk appointed J. B. Sampson of Lee's Summit yesterday a member of the State Board of Agriculture for the Fifth Congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Samuel W. Hudson, of Independence. The governor also appointed as coal oil inspectors A. F. Slawson for Desoto, vice Henry Kempe, resigned; W. F. Potts of Fayette for Howard county, for two years from June 23; Felix G. Young for Lexington, for two years from Sept. 22; A. E. Harris for Charleston for two years from Sept. 26.

## Irrigations Congress Opens.

By United Press. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 29.—The National Irrigation Congress opened here today with 5,000 visitors in attendance. Gov. Curry and Mayor Lister welcomed the guests. France, Chili and Brazil are represented. Citizens here are using the Congress to forward the demand for statehood.

## "OXYGEN JAG" MAY BE NEXT ON THE CARDS IN "DRY" COLUMBIA

Gas is Popular Abroad and is Coming Into Use in the United States.

ENABLES MEN TO DO MORE WORK

Think How Valuable It May Become in Football and Before "Exams."

"What'll you have?" "Oh, gimme an oxygen straight."

"Make mine an oxygen highball." "Here's a luck!" "Sunshine!"

It is well within the range of human possibility that some such conversations may come in time to be frequent in prohibition Columbia. For oxygen, which we've been breathing all our lives without any appreciation of its exhilarating qualities, is now coming into general use as a stimulant and reviver.

Press dispatches from London tell with increasing frequency of success with the gas in athletics there, and on the heels of this information comes news that football teams in the United States are preparing to use it on the gridiron. It is reported that in London "oxygen jags" are becoming frequent.

Physicians agree that oxygen greatly increases a man's capacity for work. Its manifold uses in the University are at once apparent. Just before "exams" the man who fears he will "funk out" make take a generous swig at the oxygen tank, and cram all he needs in an hour or so.

During the football game, the end man may run to the sidelines, take a heavy dose of oxygen, and then get the ball for a 20-yard gain.

Students are considering the advisability of petitioning that a tank be placed in a corner of each classroom, with tubes to the students during recitations, lectures and quizzes. With that aid, the students anticipate that their grades will soon advance from D to E.

The inter-state debates, thesis time, initiation and "chi-chi" ordeals and basket-ball games afford further opportunities for reaping the benefits of this remarkable discovery provided it will do all that some of its advocates say it will.

Scientists are now trying to devise a way to put foam on oxygen.

## TOADSTOOLS POISON FIVE IN FAMILY

Dangerous Fungi Were Mistaken for Bed of Mushrooms.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Sept. 29.—Toadstools, mistaken for mushrooms, almost caused the death of an entire family here and it was not until today that physicians, who had worked for hours to save their lives, pronounced all out of danger. On Sunday Bernard Gretcher, who lives with his wife and three children in Penn street, took his family into the country for a day's outing and when wandering through the fields came across a bed of toadstools which he mistook for mushrooms. At his suggestion the children gathered them and when they reached home in the evening Mrs. Gretcher stewed the toadstools and served them at the table. Shortly after midnight Gretcher, who had eaten much of the stew, aroused his family and insisted that a doctor be called. He insisted he had been poisoned.

The first doctor called in asked what they had eaten, and Gretcher told him about the supposed mushrooms. On inspecting what was left of the stew the doctor realized the family had been poisoned by toadstools. Knowing the case was a serious one, he called in two more physicians. The three worked over the man, his wife and three children until noon, when it was thought they were out of danger. City Physician M. S. Meisner, who was called in by the local authorities to investigate the case, on examining the toadstools said they were of the most poisonous variety.

## PHYSICIAN AND COACH TELL WHAT THEY THINK OF OXYGEN

DR. WOODSON MOSS, professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine, says: "As to oxygen in reviving athletes, if it is properly administered, there will be no bad results. It is a food and a tonic more than stimulant. Of course it must be diluted, as pure oxygen could not be breathed, because it would irritate the nose. Exercising violently, the respiration and the heart action increases and oxygen of the air is needed. If air cannot be breathed fast enough, oxygen is helpful and will invigorate the athlete. It will not aid brain-fatigue."

COACH W. J. MONILAW: "I have not made an investigation of oxygen as a stimulant, but I have no doubt that it is a good one. I understand the University of Chicago will use it this year. I don't think the Iowa team intends to use it, but if it is good a stimulant as it is said to be, the team will need it when it plays here."

## DEVOTION TO DUTY COSTS BOY'S LIFE

Roy Gray, Wabash Messenger, Falls Under Train at Centralia.

STATION CROWD SEES TRAGEDY

Lad Intent on Giving Message to Engineer When Killed.

CENTRALIA, Mo., Sept. 29.—Devotion to duty cost the life of Roy Gray, 16 years old, a messenger boy at the Wabash station, who fell under the wheels of a Wabash train and was instantly killed here yesterday afternoon. In the view of a score of persons on the station platform. All of the coaches passed over his body before the engineer could stop the train.

The train was slowing down to stop when Roy ran alongside to hand a message to the engineer. Looking up at the cab window as he ran, his head struck the semaphore pole on the platform and he fell under the train.

Young Gray was the son of Samuel Gray, a retired farmer and stockman. He had been employed by the Wabash for a year.

## SUIT BY ACTRESS BARS ELKINS MATCH

Dowager Queen of Italy Uses That as Weapon Against Abruzzi.

MARGHERITA IS STILL PEEVISH

Senator Says Son is Innocent of Charges Made by Woman.

ROME, Sept. 29.—With the declaration that the breach of promise suit for \$100,000 of Louise Lonsdale, the actress, against Blaine Elkins, the brother of Katherine Elkins, fiancée of the Duke of Abruzzi, is a "timely illustration of the unwisdom of alliances between the royalty of Europe and the totally different types of the new world." Dowager Queen Margherita has redoubled her efforts to prevent the marriage of the duke to Miss Elkins.

The moment the news of Miss Lonsdale's suit reached Rome the dowager queen got busy. She declared the suit was proof that it would be a disgrace for a member of the Italian royal household to marry into such a family.

## SENATOR ELKINS DENIES ACTRESS'S CHARGES

WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 29.—Senator Stephen B. Elkins has made a statement in which he says that the charges brought by Louise Lonsdale, the actress, in her breach of promise suit against his son, Blaine Elkins, are wholly without foundation.

"So far as any demand being made upon me for money for my son is concerned," said the senator, "I brand it as a deliberate lie. I never paid out a dollar to her or any other woman on my son's account."

## AIRSHIP GARAGE PLANNED

Building Will Be First of Kind in America.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—Guy King, a Philadelphia architect, is preparing plans for the erection of the first airship garage in this country. It will be an addition to Briarcliffe Lodge, at Briarcliffe Manor, N. Y., and the cost will be nearly \$100,000 and will be seven stories high and the flying machine platform will cover the entire roof.

## Losses from "White Plague."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 29.—The principal address, at the meeting of the Tuberculosis Congress today, was made by Dr. A. D. Melvin. He estimated the annual loss to American farmers, through death of live stock, by tuberculosis, at \$14,000,000. He proposed a thorough test to determine the localities where, through diseased live stock, tuberculosis is fostered, and proposed that the Government should kill all diseased animals and indemnify their owners. Dr. Melvin is chief of the Government Bureau on Animal Industry.

## Indians in Council.

LAWTON, Okla., Sept. 29.—One thousand Comanche, Apache, and Kiowa Indians are here today receiving their annual payments from the United States for the leasing of their farm lands. The payments range from \$15 to \$100 each. The Indian Council begins tonight. The chief subject for consideration will be, "Shall we or shall we not retain our pasture lands?"

## FRENCH HEELS ARE MENACE, SAYS MOSS

Physician Cautions Co-eds Against the "Beautiful Arch" Fallacy.

DRINK MUCH WATER, HE URGES

Don't Eat Fast and Don't Get Excited While Eating.

High-heeled shoes are a menace to the health of women, according to Dr. Woodson Moss, in the second lecture of his series on "The Hygiene of Right Living" at the University of Missouri assembly this morning. Dr. Moss said:

"Men as a rule wear common-sense shoes, but I am afraid to tell the women about theirs. The high-heeled shoes, seen only too often, give the beautiful arch always desired to the foot for a time, but soon the weight on the front of the arch breaks it, and the result is flat-footedness and ill-health."

"Often certain muscles have no further use because of the position of the foot when high heels are worn, and in time these muscles entirely disappear."

More Medical Don'ts.

In addition, Dr. Moss showed the importance of keeping the feet dry and warm, and gave a series of Don'ts for the student:

- Don't eat fast.
- Don't be afraid of drinking too much water at a meal.
- Don't drink more than one cup of coffee, tea or milk a day.
- Don't get excited while eating. It hinders digestion.
- Don't begin work, physical or mental, immediately after eating.
- Don't expose the body to cold.
- Don't be afraid of sunshine and fresh air.
- Don't think night air is not as good as the air before the sun sets.

If these don'ts are followed, Dr. Moss said, the number of typhoid patients will decrease and illness among the students be rare.

## NEGRO RESCUES MISS BARRYMORE

One Killed and Four Injured in Wreck of Illinois Central Train.

DIVERNON, Ill., Sept. 29.—Ethel Barrymore, the actress, on her way to St. Louis to fill an engagement, was imprisoned in a forward coach in the wreck in which the Illinois Central "Diamond Special" was derailed near here yesterday afternoon. A negro porter pulled her through a window.

Miss Barrymore tried to charter a special car to St. Louis, but in vain.

A little nine-year-old girl, Elizabeth McGuire, who was playing in the street, was killed by a piece of the wrecked engine. Four others were injured.

The dead: McGuire, Elizabeth, 9 years old. The injured: Baker, conductor, Chicago, shoulder wrenched.

Perry, Chicago, right hip bruised. Shell, A. J., engineer, several gashes in head, two fingers completely severed and possibly internally injured.

Taylor, E. M., fireman, badly scalded.

## WILL FIGHT LOWER RATES ON LIVE STOCK

Western Railroads Seek Injunction Against Commerce Commission.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 29.—W. P. Me-Hugh and J. W. Terry, attorneys of Omaha, Neb., representing the great cattle-carrying railroad lines in the West, decided at a conference today to seek an injunction against the Interstate Commerce Commission to prevent the lowering of the rates for transportation of live stock to the large stock centers.

It is expected that the suit will be instituted within the next ten days. The decrease in the rates is to take effect Oct. 15. This is said to be the first injunction proceeding against the Interstate Commerce Commission.